



November 2024

Prayer and Praise Calendar

Week One:

- November 1 – We continue to remember nurses and other members of the recovery/healthcare teams serving in areas impacted by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. We pray for strength and comfort as they face the losses within their community.
- November 2 – We give thanks for the continuing recovery of Jane Hall, former director of NCF, following a difficult fall, hospitalization, and rehab. She continues with local physical therapy and is experiencing slow healing and a return of her mobility. Pray for ongoing endurance in the long recovery she faces.

Week Two:

- November 3 – Please pray for believers tempted to turn from Christ and follow false religions. Pray for each of us to be deeply rooted in the truth of his Word. May we be salt and light to those we encounter in our work and daily life.
- November 4 – We praise God for the healing and recovery of Skip McDonald's foot. It's been a long year. Skip, a Regional Resource Specialist for InterVarsity in the Southeast, is walking mostly without assistance now, but ever so carefully. Pray that her foot will get to its maximum functionality and that she will grow in strength and stability as she uses her foot.
- November 5 – We pray for the safety of all at voting places around the country today. We ask for a peaceful transition in power. May our leaders at the local, state, and national levels lead with wisdom, courage, and humility. May they in all they do act justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with God (Micah 6:8).
- November 6 – We praise God for two successful Saline Process Witness Training events held in October. Recent graduates, nurses, and faculty participated in these trainings. May God use the information shared to encourage these nurses across the

United States in ways they can better provide for the spiritual care of their patients and to use sensitivity, permission, and respect in sharing their own faith.

- November 7 – Today is the start of the [Global Missions Healthcare Conference](#) in Louisville, Kentucky. Pray for ARhonda Osborne, an NCF nurse group leader and NCF volunteer, as she participates in a breakout session entitled "Spiritual Care in Clinical Practice." These sessions will take place on November 8th and 9th during the conference. Pray for God to use the insight and experiences of ARhonda and other panel participants to encourage and support others in their faith and practice.
- November 8 – Pray for the outreach our marketing team has prepared for November and December. May God use this outreach to provide deeper awareness and interest in the work and ministry of Nurses Christian Fellowship. We ask God to increase memberships during this time and to use the resources, groups, and materials to equip students, faculty, and nurses to better know and follow Jesus in nursing.
- November 9 – Today students and faculty from across Wisconsin and the Upper Peninsula of Michigan will meet in Wausau, Wisconsin for the [Refresh Retreat](#). Pray for God to use the guest speaker, Audrey Grove, to encourage those who attend. Pray also for the breakout speakers, including Christy Secor, NCF's Spiritual Formation and Prayer Specialist, to build up others in their faith and encourage deep trust as they rest in God throughout their experiences as students and nurses.

Week Three:

- November 10 – Margaret De Jong Morgenthaler, *Journal of Christian Nursing* Contributing Editor, travels to Senegal this month, where she previously served as a missionary for over a decade. Pray for Margaret and her husband to have safe travels, meaningful reunions with many dear friends, and opportunities to share about Jesus in this predominantly Muslim country.
- November 11 – *Journal of Christian Nursing* Contributing Editor, Karen Schmidt, appreciates prayer for God to supply more volunteer providers and nurses to serve at the free clinic where she works part-time. The clinic offers free health care to a wide population of uninsured persons in three counties. The volunteer shortage has resulted in the cancellation of one of the three clinics each week for the past two months.
- November 12 – Holland Redinger, NCF Regional Coordinator of the Lakes and Plains region, hosted a dinner discussion during the Lakes and Plains fall conference. Ten healthcare students came and there was a great discussion! There were conversations about how we've seen God at work in the healthcare student context, how we hope God would move, and where we long to see God renew and make

things good. Pray for this group to be emboldened in their place on campus, and that God would lead them in their studies and campus life!

- November 13 – Pray for Lara Kaiser, NCF’s Student Ministries Associate Director, who coordinates the [NCF podcast](#). Pray as she begins editing a new series focusing on spiritual care with Kathy Schoonover-Shoffner, NCF’s National Director and Editor-in-Chief of the *Journal of Christian Nursing*. Pray God uses this series to encourage others in their nursing practice.
- November 14 – Pray for new professional nurse groups that are starting up and that God would call more nurses to take the step of beginning an NCF nurse group.
- November 15 – Pray for travel mercies as Jen Wojtysiak, NCF’s Associate National Director; Katharine Provost, NCF’s Associate Student Ministries Director; and Christy Secor, NCF’s Spiritual Formation and Prayer Specialist head toward South Dakota for the [Refresh Professional Symposium and Retreat for Students in Healthcare](#). Christy will be sharing with healthcare professionals this evening. Pray that what she shares will provide insight, connection, and opportunities for deepening our relationship with Jesus.
- November 16 – Continue to pray for deepening community, encouragement, reflection, and refreshment during today’s student portion of the South Dakota [Refresh Professional Symposium and Retreat for Students in Healthcare](#). Christy Secor will be the keynote speaker. Pray God uses his word and new insights into his caring to provide greater trust and intimacy in our relationship with him.

Week Four:

- November 17 – God was so good in providing connections and encouragement during Kathy Schoonover-Shoffner, NCF’s National Director and Editor-in-Chief of the *JCN*, and Lara Kaiser, NCF’s Associate Director of Student Ministries, trip to Michigan during October. More than 17+ schools and nursing programs were visited during their time there. Pray as Lara continues her follow-up of nursing programs interested in starting an NCF student chapter on their campus. Pray also for these new chapters to thrive.
- November 18 – We remember our faith community nurses as they work and serve their parishes, churches, and communities. Pray for support and good communication with others on their leadership team. Pray for wisdom, discernment, and connection as they provide insight and education to others.
- November 19 – The *JCN* editors thank God for nurses who share their expertise as peer reviewers. Pray that God will prompt more skilled nurses to offer their time and knowledge in this role to expertly serve the readership of the journal.

- November 20 – Continue to pray for nurses around the country who are tired, weary, and facing staff shortages and a lack of resources in their work environments. Pray for those laid off or who have seen their departments close. May we remember God’s presence in our lives and that we are not alone in our challenges. May NCF minister in the lives of others and be a support and encouragement in the faith and practice of nurses across the country.
- November 21 – Pray for the Lord to keep NCF staff physically healthy and emotionally recharged.
- November 22 – Pray for the *Journal of Christian Nursing* editorial staff as they evaluate and prepare articles. Ask God to give supernatural insight as we review articles before acceptance and then edit articles for publication.
- November 23 – We ask God to lead our NCF professional nurse groups meeting across the country. May God’s Spirit inspire these leaders and bring nurses who need encouragement to the groups.

Week Five:

- November 24 – We praise God for the work he’s doing through our **Sunday night prayer group times**. Pray for students, nurses, and faculty who need prayer, support, and encouragement in their work. Use this time to draw us into deeper intimacy with you, God.
- November 25 – We ask the Lord to creatively meet all your needs today, at all levels of your inner and outer life, and that you be “surprised by joy.”
- November 26 – We ask God for wisdom and discernment for NCF’s leadership team. Join us in asking God how we can grow and serve more students and nurses in knowing and following Jesus.
- November 27 – Ask the Holy Spirit to be with each person who is a part of NCF’s staff. Pray they would hear God’s Word for them in their quiet times; that God would protect them from the evil one who wants to discourage them in their ministry; and that each would be freshly inspired to the work God has called them to do.
- November 28 – We are reminded today of all we have to be grateful for - especially God’s constant presence through the ups and downs of our lives. Be with those who are working this holiday and with those they care for. Give comfort to many others who have one less place to set at the family table. May we be reminded of the many small blessings that fill our days bringing us joy and hope in the challenges we face.
- November 29 – Give rest to nursing students and faculty across the country over their Thanksgiving break. Guide them as they prepare for their finals in the coming weeks.

- November 30 – We remember that NCF is God’s ministry. We ask God to bring in all that is needed to continue the work he has planned for NCF – staff, resources, finances, vision, ideas, and more.

You can download the November 2024 prayer calendar [here](#).